(b) if so, what facilities will be provided by the Central Government in setting up this Park;

(c) whether there is any other proposal under the consideration of the Government to set up such parks elsewhere in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the Scheme, the Government of India assistance to the tune of 75% of the infrastructure development cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 10 crores is admissible. In addition, 100% assistance upto a maximum of Rs. 5 crores is available for setting up of an effluent treatment plant, creche/s, any multi purpose centre/hall for marketing/display etc and assistance to the tune of 50% subject to a maximum of Rs. 2 crores are available for the cost of any training facility created in the park.

(c) and (d) The Project Approval Committee reviews the setting up of new parks from time to time.

Diversion of Central Government Funds of Primary Weavers Cooperatives by AP

2202. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the funds released by Central Government under several weavers Welfare Schemes have been diverted to APCO (weavers Apex Society) by the Government of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any action in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether utilization certificates of Central Government Funds, as released in these cases, reflected the diversion of these Funds meant for Primary Weavers Cooperatives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) to (f) The Ministry of Textiles had not received any report about diversion of funds sanctioned to the State Government

of Andhra Pradesh under Handloom Weavers' Welfare Schemes, to Andhra Pradesh State Handloom Weavers Co-operative Society Ltd. (APCO). All the same, the matter has been got verified by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh. The State Government has denied any diversion of funds released under the Handloom Weavers' Welfare Schemes, namely Health Package Scheme, Thrift Fund Scheme, Group Insurance Scheme and New Insurance Scheme, to APCO.

The releases made under these Schemes to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh in the last two years are as follows:

(Rs. in Lakh)

Name of the Scheme	2000-2001	2001-2002
Heath Package Scheme	96.25	-
Group Insurance Scheme	24.00	22.73
Thirft Fund Scheme	-	-
New Insurance Scheme	-	-

The State Government has submitted the utilization certificates for the releases made in 2000-2001.

Assessment of price rise of cotton, yarn, clothes and readymade garments

†2203. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is wide scope of price rise at various levels in the Textiles Industry;

(b) if so, the assessments of price-rise of cotton, yarn, clothes and readymade garments; and

(c) the average annual price of import and export of cotton, yarn, clothes and readymade garments from the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the Wholesale Price Index for All Commodities (Base 1993-94 = 100), there has been a rise of 6.4 percent in Textiles during the current year (March—Aug., 2002). The commodity/subgroup wise figures for the period are as given below:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.